MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) It is reported that fish is generally taken for sale daily in the Oachira fish market in the afternoon from 4 P. M. to 7 P. M. approximately, but in the month of Mithunam, during the period of Oachira *kali* and fairs, fish is taken for sale both in the forenoon and in the afternoon. In the open spaces of the vegetable markets and in the temporary sheds in the open space, several articles such as rice, salt, oil, jaggery and tapioca are sold throughout the day.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In answer to the first part of the question it is stated:

"In the open spaces of the vegetable markets and in the temporary sheds in the open space, several articles such as rice, salt, oil, jaggery and tapioca are sold throughout the day."

Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether there are not permanent shops for these purposes for which the shop-keeper's pay separate tax direct to the Government and not to the toll contractors?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Even if there are permanent shops it is a fact that these also are there. The report of the District Magistrate says that these articles are sold there outside the permanent shops.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I have myself gone there. The shops in the open space are held only in the evenings. There is nothing in the open space at other times.

With reference to the answer to part (2), will the Government be pleased to consider whether the answer given is not against the promise made by the Dewan-President that the levy of tolls in the evening markets would be abolished?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This is not an evening market. It is a market which is held throughout the day. It starts in the morning and goes on till 8 P. M. Such a market cannot be called an evening market.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is the case with all evening markets that they are held in places where other shops also are situated.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; evening markets are held only in the evenings.

Registry of Poramboke in Survey No. 731 in Valiakuzhi Pakuthi.

149. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state the action taken on the petitions dated the 15th Chingam 1102, sent to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner and the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, by Mr. Kochukunju Channar of Valiakottakkal house and other inhabitants of Valiakuzhi and the neighbouring *pakuthies* in the Kartikapalli taluk, complaining about the auction sale of the *poramboke chal* comprised in Survey No. 731 of the Valiakuzhi *pakuthi*?

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(2) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state the following particulars in regard to the *poramboke* :—

(*a*) whether Mr. Krishna Sarma, Panavelil, Evur, Kartikapalli taluk, applied for its registry in his name in 1087, and whether it was then decided that it could not be registered, as it was used for public purposes ;

(*b*) whether some owners of neighbouring paddy fields, who had encroached on the *poramboke* in 1095, were punished therefor, and the encroachments removed by the authority of the Government ;

(*c*) whether the owners of neighbouring paddy fields petitioned the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner and the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, to the effect that it was detrimental to the public interests to register or sell in auction Survey No. 731 in favour of any private person, as it was used for public purposes, when it was about to be sold in auction in Karkatakam 1100 ;

(*d*) the action taken on those petitions ;

(*e*) whether the *chal* or collection of fresh water is used for bathing, watering cattle and other public purposes by a large number of people who live in the neighbourhood ;

(*f*) whether the water is used for irrigating the neighbouring paddy fields in dry weather ;

(*g*) whether washermen used to wash clothes in the *chal* ;

(*h*) whether the Parayas of the neighbourhood were performing, in the *chal* religious oblations to their dead ancestors ; and

(*i*) whether the *chal* was sold in auction or registered in favour of a private individual on the 21st Karkatakam 1101 ?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to set aside the auction sale or registry in view of the facts indicated above ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) The matter is being enquired into by the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon.

(2) (*a*) One Krishnan Nambi of Panavelil applied in 1087 for the registry of the *poramboke* and its registry was then refused on the ground that it was used for public purposes.

(*b*) No such case was taken in 1095.

(*c*) No such petitions were received by the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner or the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, before the auction in Karkatakam 1100.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

(*e*) to (*h*) The answer is in the negative in each case.

(*i*) The *chal* was sold in public auction on the 20th Karkatakam 1101.

(3) The Government will examine the matter when it comes up before them.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : In answer to part (*c*) it is stated

"No such petitions were received by the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, or the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, before the auction

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[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether any petition to the effect was received by the local Tahsildar before the auction sale?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In answer to part (*e*) of the question it is stated that the answer is in the negative. But in the answer to part (2) (*a*) of the question it is stated:

"One Krishnan Nambi of Panavelil applied in 1087 for the registry of the poramboke and its registry was then refused on the ground that it was used for public purposes."

Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any communication to the effect that after 1087 the *chal* ceased to be used for public purposes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): After 1087, another Tahsildar inspected the locality and stated that the *chal* was not very much needed for public purposes and that it might be assigned. On that report an enquiry was conducted and it was eventually decided that the *chal* might be assigned.

Prevention of Cholera.

150. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) In view of the fact that an epidemic of cholera broke out in the year 1100, as evidenced by the registry of 748 deaths from this disease, will the Government be pleased to state whether, as mentioned by the Dewan in paragraph 24 of his address at the 17th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, "six trained medical men formed themselves into a brigade and did intensive team work" at any time before, during or after this out-break?

(2) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that only four persons out of those who suffered from cholera had the benefit of care and attention as in-patients in hospitals?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) Many of the patients prefer to be treated in their own houses. In all the places affected by epidemics, proper medical aid was rendered to the suffering public.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Did not the Dewan make an announcement in the Assembly that whenever cholera broke out six trained medical men forming a brigade would be deputed for the work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, he did.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was nothing done in pursuance of the announcement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The announcement was not carried out.

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